

# Producing Energy, Protecting Food: The Impact of Shale Energy Development on Food Access in Rural Communities

## Purpose

The flood of workers and economic activity associated with shale development in Eastern Ohio will likely impact rural food access for original residents.

We will study how sudden increases in population affect retail food access over the short and long term and how Ohio's experience might differ from those of North Dakota and Pennsylvania.

Our team will build local capacity for community leaders to deal with the impact shale development will have on food access.

## Impact

High quality research on community impacts of shale development.

Community leaders and members who are better equipped to manage transitions associated with shale development's specific context in Ohio.

### Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

Department of Geography  
Department of Human Sciences  
School of Public Policy

### Community Partners Involved

Ohio County Commissioners

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Community leaders and members who are better equipped to manage transitions associated with shale development nationally.

